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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM (ROEMER, GEORGE)

1. ON AUGUST 27 GEORGE ROEMER, EMPLOYEE OF AMOSEAS AND RESIDENT TRIPOLI, AND HIS WIFE WERE TURNED BACK AT BEN GARDHANE ON LIBYAN-TUNISIAN BORDER BECAUSE ROEMER'S PASSPORT WAS NOT "PRINTED IN ARABIC" ALTHOUGH HE HAD VALID LIBYAN RE-ENTRY VISA.

2. ON AUGUST 29 CONOFF ACCOMPANIED ROEMER AND WIFE TO LIBYAN CONSULATE WHERE CONOFF AID SALEM SAID VISA VALID AND ROEMER COULD ENTER LIBYA. SALEM PROMISED CALL BORDER POST AND TRIPOLI TO FACILITATE RE-ENTRY.

3. SALEM CALLED CONOFF ON AUGUST 30 AND SAID ROEMER COULD NOT ENTER LIBYA EVEN WITH VALID VISA BECAUSE PASSPORT NOT PRINTED "IN ARABIC". SALEM APOLOGIZED ADDING THERE NOTHING HE COULD DO.

4. FOR TRIPOLI: ROEMER RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM HIS COMPANY INSTRUCTING HIM TO BE AT LIBYAN-TUNISIAN BORDER DURING WORKING HOURS FRIDAY, AUGUST 31. ROEMER TO BE MET AT BORDER BY LIBYAN EMPLOYEE OF AMOSEAS WITH LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM WHICH WILL STATE ROEMER'S PRESENCE  
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LIBYA IN BEST INTERESTS OF GOL.

5. IS GOL NOW INSISTING THAT EVEN WITH VALID VISA  
PASSPORT MUST BE IN ARABIC? ARE THERE ANY EXCEPTIONS?  
WHAT ARE NEW "GROUND RULES"?.  
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